

**Southwest Region Covered Employment and Wages by Major Industry Group
Fourth Quarter 2008**

	<u>MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT</u>			<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>QUARTERLY WAGES</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES</u>
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>			
Goods Producing	56,478	52,651	50,516	53,215	\$704,646,422	\$1,019
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	6,882	5,475	5,028	5,795	\$44,552,055	\$591
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	293	276	266	278	\$9,371,933	\$2,590
Construction	19,436	18,505	17,578	18,506	\$204,580,744	\$850
Manufacturing	29,867	28,395	27,644	28,635	\$446,141,690	\$1,198
Service-Producing	238,227	235,922	234,672	236,274	\$2,137,263,673	\$696
Wholesale Trade	13,066	12,748	12,641	12,818	\$174,379,196	\$1,046
Retail Trade	35,373	35,939	35,938	35,750	\$222,870,282	\$480
Transportation and Warehousing	7,572	7,492	7,518	7,527	\$69,293,924	\$708
Utilities	848	832	834	838	\$13,952,055	\$1,281
Information	6,143	6,296	6,252	6,230	\$65,789,394	\$812
Finance and Insurance	10,572	10,447	10,459	10,493	\$129,488,168	\$949
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,866	3,768	3,775	3,803	\$30,420,772	\$615
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	13,436	13,304	13,274	13,338	\$182,375,157	\$1,052
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5,356	5,287	5,311	5,318	\$100,780,104	\$1,458
Administrative and Waste Management	23,088	21,781	20,930	21,933	\$150,229,509	\$527
Educational Services (private ownership)	2,674	2,686	2,716	2,692	\$20,630,867	\$590
Health Care and Social Assistance	34,269	34,114	34,293	34,225	\$360,539,554	\$810
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,422	3,298	3,434	3,385	\$15,209,967	\$346
Accommodation and Food Services	22,923	22,367	21,915	22,402	\$75,324,377	\$259
Other Services (except Public Administration)	7,806	7,714	7,724	7,748	\$50,212,808	\$499
Public Administration and Education	47,813	47,849	47,658	47,773	\$475,767,539	\$766
Total Covered Employment and Wages	294,705	288,573	285,188		\$2,841,910,095	
Average Quarterly Employment		289,489		Average Weekly Wage		\$755